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H. R. 6013

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PAYMENT BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS OF PLOT ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN**
3 **VETERANS, SPOUSES, AND CHILDREN.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN PLOT ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN
5 VETERANS BURIED IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-
6 FAIRS OR STATE CEMETERIES.—

7 (1) DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES.—Subsection
8 (a)(1)(A) of section 2303 of title 38, United States
9 Code, is amended by striking “\$300” and inserting
10 “\$500”.

11 (2) STATE CEMETERIES.—Subsection (b) of
12 such section is amended by striking “\$300” each
13 place it appears and inserting “\$500”.

14 (b) PAYMENT OF PLOT ALLOWANCES FOR SPOUSES
15 AND CHILDREN OF CERTAIN VETERANS BURIED IN
16 STATE CEMETERIES.—Section 2303 of title 38, United
17 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing new subsection:

19 “(c)(1) In the case of an individual described in para-
20 graph (2) who is buried in a cemetery that is owned by
21 a State or by an agency or political subdivision of a State,
22 the Secretary shall pay to such State, agency, or political
23 subdivision the sum of \$500 as a plot or interment allow-
24 ance for such individual.

25 “(2) An individual described in this paragraph is a
26 spouse, surviving spouse (which for purposes of this chap-

1 ter includes a surviving spouse who had a subsequent re-
2 marriage), minor child (which for purposes of this chapter
3 includes a child under 21 years of age, or under 23 years
4 of age if pursuing a course of instruction at an approved
5 educational institution), or, in the discretion of the Sec-
6 retary, unmarried adult child of any of person described
7 in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (7) of section 2402 of
8 this title.”.

9 (c) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT.—Such section is further
10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(d) With respect to any fiscal year, the Secretary
13 shall provide a percentage increase (rounded to the near-
14 est dollar) in the amounts set forth in subsections
15 (a)(1)(A), (b)(1), (b)(2), and (c)(1) equal to the percent-
16 age by which—

17 “(1) the Consumer Price Index (all items,
18 United States city average) for the 12-month period
19 ending on the June 30 preceding the beginning of
20 the fiscal year for which the increase is made, ex-
21 ceeds

22 “(2) the Consumer Price Index for the 12-
23 month period preceding the 12-month period de-
24 scribed in paragraph (1).”.

25 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
3 shall apply with respect to an individual who dies on
4 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 (2) PROHIBITION ON COST-OF-LIVING ADJUST-
6 MENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011.—No adjustments
7 shall be made under section 2303(d) of title 38,
8 United States Code, as added by subsection (c), for
9 fiscal year 2011.

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